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Report from Veracruz—Sanitary conditions at stations along the Veracruz and Pacific Railroad.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, April 1:

I have recently returned from a searching inspection trip, lasting eight days, along the route of the Veracruz and Pacific Railroad. The trip was made in company with the president of the railroad and other officials. We spent more than two nights at Tierra Blanca, one night at Cordoba, one night at Rio Papaloupam, between Huli on one side and Santa Crux on the other. At this latter place the railroad has a large gravel pit, and therefore quite a large settlement. One night was spent at Isla (a siding), one night at Santa Lucrecia, and a night at Rincon Antonio. The latter place is located on the National of Tehuantepec Railroad. We stopped at all the stations and section houses wherever we found a section or bridge gang at work. In this way I was able to see the employees and living quarters. We remained at Tierra Blanca, Cordoba, Rio Papaloupam, Santa Lucrecia, and Rincon Antonio several hours during daylight, which gave ample time for our inspections.

Only a few sick were found. None of these were suspicious. On arrival at Tierra Blanca I went to the "Casa de Salud," a screen building held in readiness for any sick who appear suspicious, and, as I have already reported, I found two persons had arrived there from some coast point and, having some suspicious symptoms, were immediately isolated, and remained so until the authorities determined that the cases were malarial. Within 30 yards of this building, and situated in a vacant lot, I found a discarded open well, with swarms of *Stegomyia* flying in and out.

Cordoba, a town of 7,000 or 8,000 inhabitants, has been sewerred, and waterworks were established more than a year ago. Few water barrels are to be seen, but I found a large number of wells formerly used, but no longer in use, discarded, without any tops, etc., to prevent the entrance of the mosquitoes.

The people generally provide themselves with water from wells, and while the premises having wells are actually occupied the danger of mosquitoes breeding in the wells is much lessened.

The Veracruz and Pacific Railroad maintains a sanitary inspector, who makes semimonthly inspection trips over the entire route. The road has done much toward cleaning, and improving sanitary conditions at different places along its route, particularly at Tierra Blanca and Santa Lucrecia. At Cordoba several wooden buildings located in the vicinity of the depot and used for private purposes are to be torn down and replaced by a well-kept open space.

TURKEY.

Report from Constantinople—Plague at Djeddah.

The following is received from Doctor Post, American representative on the International Sanitary Board:

Bubonic plague continues at Djeddah.